REGIONAL MEETINGS OVERALL SUMMARY

November 2002

As Phase I of the Boston to Montreal High Speed Rail Feasibility and Planning Study drew to a close, the consultant team led by Ron O'Blenis of Parsons Brinkerhoff, and steering committee members from the three participating states, took a presentation of the findings on the road to three states and Canada.

Each meeting began with a formal presentation (click here) and was followed by a question and answer session (see meetings page). People attending the public meeting had some similar questions and comments. They were:

- **Can a high speed rail service be implemented in a phased approach, installing one segment at a time?**
- **How many stations stops will there be?**
- **Who would operate the service?**
- **Will the service share the line with freight?**
- **How many trains a day should there be?**
- **Isn't the cost of auto travel used to estimate ridership actually more than 12 cents a mile?**
- **When looking at subsidies for high speed rail, the government should apply the same subsidy for all modes of travel – airline, automobile, etc.**
- **This should not be viewed as a stand alone project but should be evaluated in the context of its by-products. Will it help tourism, the major industry of New England? Will through freight service attract business?**